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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY PRODUCING REGION

	FEBRUARY 1984			FEBRUARY 29, 1984	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
SOFTWOOD LUMBER		(Million Board Feet)			
Southern Pine Region	610	601	577	498	1,447
Douglas Fir Region	666	622	631	762	1,090
Western Pine Region	655	637	641	470	1,316
California Redwood Region	147	152	144	156	362
Other Softwoods	116	112	111	248	279
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,194	2,124	2,104	2,134	4,494
% Change - January 1984	-4.0%	-0.6%	-7.5%	-0.9%	1.6%
% Change - February 1983	9.5%	18.3%	21.0%	11.1%	5.6%
HARDWOOD LUMBER					
Southern Hardwood Region	307	304	307	277	712
Appalachian Hardwood Reg.	38	37	38	*	*
Other Hardwoods	139	138	139	169	891
TOTAL HARDWOODS	484	479	484	446	1,603
% Change - January 1984	0.0%	-0.6%	-6.6%	1.1%	0.3%
% Change - February 1983	0.6%	-6.1%	-3.8%	25.3%	-6.4%
TOTAL LUMBER	2,678	2,603	2,588	2,580	6,097
% Change - January 1984	-3.3%	-0.6%	-7.3%	-0.6%	1.2%
% Change - February 1983	7.8%	12.9%	15.4%	13.3%	2.2%
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
FLOORING		(Thousand Feet)			
Oak Flooring (Bd. Ft.)	NA	9,373	NA	10,426	3,719
Maple Flooring (Sq. Ft.)	886	747	754	2,963	2,071
STRUCTURAL PANELS					
Total All Regions	1,827,727	1,802,030	1,789,386	449,833	419,788
% Change - January 1984	4.0%	8.1%	-4.6%	-2.7%	2.1%
% Change - February 1983	17.4%	17.0%	22.6%	12.2%	2.9%

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber -- 2 mos. 1984	5,448	5,222	5,381
Total Lumber -- 2 mos. 1983	4,943	4,721	4,889
% Change	10.2%	10.6%	10.1%
Softwood Lumber -- 2 mos. 1984	4,480	4,261	4,379
Softwood Lumber -- 2 mos. 1983	4,024	3,749	3,918
% Change	11.3%	13.7%	11.8%
Hardwood Lumber -- 2 mos. 1984	968	961	1,002
Hardwood Lumber -- 2 mos. 1983	919	972	971
% Change	5.3%	-1.1%	3.2%

INTERNATIONAL TRADE STATISTICS

	Feb. '84	---% Change From-- Jan. '84	Feb. '83	2 mos. 1984	% Change From 2 mos. 1983
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	1,135.5	20.7%	21.7%	2,076.4	14.6%
Softwoods	1,105.7	21.1%	20.5%	2,019.0	13.9%
From Canada	1,103.5	21.5%	20.3%	2,011.8	13.6%
Other Sources	2.2	-56.7%	175.4%	7.1	355.7%
Hardwoods	28.7	7.2%	97.8%	55.6	44.3%
From Canada	6.8	22.1%	28.9%	12.3	1.7%
Other Sources	22.0	3.3%	136.7%	43.3	63.9%
Railroad Ties	1.1	36.4%	45.3%	1.9	85.8%
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	163.5	1.3%	1.1%	324.8	-3.4%
Softwoods	124.7	6.0%	-4.8%	242.4	-10.0%
Hardwoods	37.2	-7.0%	30.7%	77.2	27.9%
Railroad Ties	1.5	-58.9%	-27.7%	5.2	-21.3%
Exports To Canada	45.9	-2.3%	7.0%	93.0	9.9%

U.S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	----% Change From----		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Feb. '84	Jan. '84	Feb. '83	2 mos. '84	2 mos. '83
	(Million Board Feet)				
Total Consumption	3,575	5.2%	16.2%	6,974	12.5%
Softwood Consumption	3,105	5.9%	20.2%	6,038	15.0%
Hardwood Consumption	470	0.9%	-5.0%	936	-0.9%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

LUMBER REGION	PRODUCTION			SHIPMENTS		
	Jan. '84	% Change From Dec. '83	% Change From Jan. '83	Jan. '84	% Change From Dec. '83	% Change From Jan. '83
	(Million Board Feet)			(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine	7,665	5.2%	18.4%	7,616	8.1%	26.3%
Douglas Fir	8,048	-9.5%	8.8%	7,890	-8.7%	13.9%
Western Pine	8,571	-20.0%	3.0%	8,175	-20.9%	12.0%
Calif. Redwood	1,759	-2.3%	8.9%	1,829	13.3%	38.2%
Other Softwoods	1,492	-6.4%	9.4%	1,437	-8.3%	17.9%
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	27,535	-9.1%	9.4%	26,948	-7.7%	18.2%
TOTAL HARDWOODS	6,218	-3.3%	0.6%	5,765	-1.9%	-6.1%
TOTAL LUMBER	33,754	-8.1%	7.7%	32,713	-6.8%	13.0%

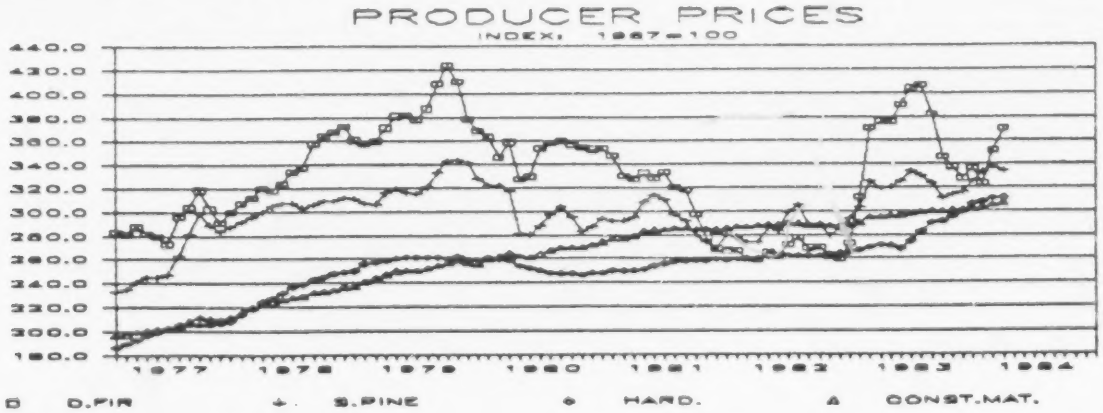
CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Jan. '84	Dec. '83	Jan. '83	1 mo. '84	1 mo. '83
	(Billions of Dollars)				
VALUE OF ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT-IN-PLACE	20.0	4.2%	22.7%	39.2	17.4%
Private	16.8	5.0%	25.4%	32.8	20.6%
Residential	8.5	3.7%	39.3%	16.7	35.8%
Nonresidential & Other	8.3	6.4%	13.7%	16.1	8.1%
Public	3.2	0.0%	6.7%	6.4	1.6%
	Feb. '84	Jan. '84	Feb. '83	2 mos. '84	2 mos. '83
	(Thousands of Units)				
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED					
Total Private & Public	135.5	5.6%	-0.2%	373.1	14.7%
New Private Starts	134.9	5.5%	0.2%	371.9	15.4%
Seas. Adj. Annual Rate	1638	-26.6%	2.9%		
One-Family Housing Starts	83.9	5.1%	-2.7%	231.4	14.0%
Proportion of Total	0.6			62.0%	
	Jan. '84	Dec. '83	Jan. '83	1 mo. '84	1 mo. '83
	(Millions of Dollars)				
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED					
All Private Construction	9,991	9.9%	37.5%	19,082	36.9%
New Housing Units	5,528	16.1%	47.5%	10,288	44.2%
New Nonresidential	2,537	0.1%	37.6%	5,070	39.9%
Additions & Alterations	1,694	6.8%	20.5%	3,281	19.4%
	(Number of Units)				
SHIPMENTS OF MOBILE HOMES	22,200	11.0%	12.7%	42,200	11.6%

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Feb. '84	% Change From Jan. '84	% Change From Feb. '83
	(Thousands of Employees)		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adj.)			
All Industries	92,490	0.2%	4.1%
All Manufacturing Industries	19,551	0.3%	7.0%
Lumber and Wood Products	724	0.7%	13.5%
Furniture and Fixtures	485	0.6%	12.0%

	Feb. '84	% Change From Jan. '84	% Change From Feb. '83
	(Index: 1967=100)		
PRODUCER PRICES			
All Commodities	311.1	0.7%	3.5%
All Construction Materials	306.4	0.5%	3.9%
Lumber and Wood Products	316.0	0.1%	3.3%
All Lumber	369.2	1.0%	5.7%
Softwood Lumber	382.2	1.3%	3.5%
Douglas Fir Lumber	369.7	5.1%	-1.7%
Southern Pine Lumber	334.3	-0.9%	4.7%
Other Softwood Lumber	425.2	1.9%	6.8%
Hardwood Lumber	311.4	0.2%	14.7%
Millwork	309.7	0.4%	1.9%
Softwood Plywood	312.9	-1.0%	1.8%
Hardwood Plywood	184.2	0.9%	7.0%
Wood Household Furniture	268.2	0.4%	3.9%
Pulp, Paper, & Allied Products	312.7	0.7%	6.1%
Steel Mill Products	363.6	.0%	3.9%
Aluminum Shapes	336.2	1.5%	15.0%
Concrete Products	306.3	.0%	2.0%
Structural Clay Products	283.6	0.2%	4.8%



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